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# DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE December 16, 1970

TO: PCA Meeting with Officials of Reilly Chemical and Tar Company

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FROM: Harvey J. McPhee

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ATTENTION GENERAL

At 2:15 p.m. On December 7, 1970 a meeting was held in a conference room in the State Health Department Building.

The following people attended: Herb Finch, Wm. Justin, Tom Reirsgord, Lyle Smith, Bob Lindahl, Wayne Popham, Chris Cherches, Harvey McPhee, Tibor Kosa, Dale Wikre, George Koonce, and Bob Ray.

Listed are some of the more important points.

1. Reilly Chemical and Tar are preparing more detailed plans on the sanitary sewer hook-up.
2. Reilly Chemical and Tar could not make any expenditures until the City's intentions on Louisiana Avenue are known. This affected the afterburner location and the location of the sewer hook-up. After the City Manager informed Mr. Finch and Mr. Reirsgord that the City had every intention of taking the land as noted in previous discussions, they said it was questionable whether or not they would spend any money to control air pollution and water pollution. They felt that it was questionable whether they would get any return on such expenditures in an condemnation award. Mr. Reirsgord said that they had made an offer to the City, but heard nothing except acknowledgment of the communication. Mr. Cherches said it takes time to study such a proposal.
3. Mr. Finch estimated expenditures for water and air pollution as follows:

Sewer hook-up	\$65,000 to \$75,000
Afterburner or other	\$10,000 to \$40,000
4. Mr. Koonce felt the storm water run-off was a problem. Mr. Finch felt the possible contamination of storm water was not a problem and that such run-off could be put directly into the storm sewer. Mr. Reirsgord felt the storm water was no problem. Mr. Finch suggested that we forget about the storm water for now and proceed with what he can do.
5. The soil contamination problem was discussed. Herb Finch and Tom Reirsgord admitted no solution to this problem when we discussed our storm sewer instillation problems. Mr. Finch and Mr. Reirsgord suggested waiting for a number of years to see what happens.

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6. Mr. Herb Finch said that he had thought about a pond for collecting storm water on the plant site.
- .. Mr. Finch said that it would take seven months from the awarding of the contract to complete the sewer hook-up.
8. Mr. Reiragord noted that it was a known fact that one or two councilmen were "after" the company.
9. Mr. Reiragord felt that the City should do some serious negotiating if they actually wanted the plant.
10. Mr. Finch said that the Louisiana Street extension as planned would cause closing of the plant.

cc: City Manager ✓  
Wayne Popham

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